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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113 and 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 18, 2007, made final, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants request entry of the following amendment, which to distinguish the present invention makes an amendment to the sole independent claim, yet does not raise any issue not previously before the Examiner. (This reply is being filed on September 18, 2007 along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.